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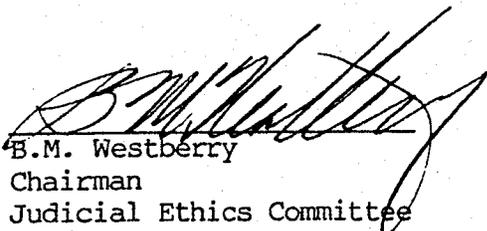
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Question: May a judicial candidate who is unopposed in the primary begin soliciting money 120 days before the primary election.

Answer: Yes. Canon 7B(2).

The question presented to the Committee was whether a judicial candidate who is unopposed in the primary may begin soliciting money for his campaign 120 days prior to the primary election? We believe the answer is yes because of the literal wording of the rule, Canon 7B(2). Additionally, a case from Arkansas In re Code of Judicial Conduct, 627 S.W.2d 1 (Ark. 1982) seems to favor such a reading.


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